

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 12, 2013
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Board Members Present: Tom Friel, Lynn Wheeler, Roderick Ladd and Robert Roudebush

Board Member Excused: Chairman Wayne Fortier

Town Manager: Glenn English

Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer: Jo Lacaillade

Selectboard Clerk: Karen Hyde

Members of the Public Present: Richard Morris, Don Hammond, Steve Robbins and Brad Kennedy

Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairman Tom Friel called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Rick Ladd added Ground Water Management to New Business. There were no objections from the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: July 29, 2013:** Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2013 Meeting; seconded by Rick Ladd and carried unanimously.
- **Sign Manifest, Forms and Other Warrants:** Robert Roudebush made a motion to sign the Manifest, Forms and Other Warrants; seconded by Lynn Wheeler and carried unanimously.

Scheduled Public Appearance(s):

- **Paul Hatje:** Mr. Hatje did not attend the meeting so the Board moved on to the next item under Scheduled Public Appearance(s).
- **Fire Fighter Pay: Fire Chiefs:** AA Lacaillade stated that Steve Sherman, who was going to be at the meeting, could not attend as he had been sent to California to fight a fire. Vice Chairman Friel stated that the Fire Chiefs were at the meeting to request a pay increase to the hourly rate for fighting forest fires. Brad Kennedy stated that this request was something that was overlooked when there were changes made in the fire department funding. There was discussion about how many forest fires there have been over the last five years. Vice Chairman Friel stated that the Board should have more information on what other towns in the area are paying. He also asked the Fire Chiefs what they were proposing for an increase over what the State was paying. Brad Kennedy stated that the pay rate was different for warden, deputy warden, and fire fighters. Don Hammond stated that a certified fire fighter gets \$20/hr. and a non-certified gets \$15/hr. Brad Kennedy stated that a non-certified fire fighter would be brought up to \$15/hr. versus \$10.99/hr., which is the present rate. AA Lacaillade stated that a deputy warden presently gets \$12.63/hr. and a warden gets \$14.69/hr. She also stated that Steve Sherman had indicated that the Town would have to have a second set of paperwork and he would have to work with us to

develop that. Rick Ladd stated that when the formula was redone, this was overlooked and not discussed. Vice Chairman Friel stated that the Board had been given additional information and this was something that needed to be looked into for the 2014 budget. Rick Ladd stated that there were other issues that needed addressing, specifically the capital dollars and where they are going. It was decided that the Fire Department Committee would meet on Monday, September 30, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the JRM Building to discuss these issues.

Public Hearing: None

Town Manager's Report: TM English reported that the clean-up of the hazardous waste site on Court Street had been started today and would be finished by Tuesday. He stated that all that would be left at the site would be solid waste, which could be removed by dumpster; there are some wooden items, including the shack, which could be burned. The oil tank removal at the JRM Building would be done on Tuesday. He also reported on the tire recycling, which was held on August 3. It was very successful: 360 tires were recycled and only cost the Town \$600. He spoke with North Country Council about not doing separate recycling days next year. A possibility would be to just do a recycle day and set up separate stations for Hazardous Waste, Electronics and Tires. He also stated that he had requests for fluorescent tubes and those could be done in conjunction with the Electronics.

Pending (Old) Business: None

New Business:

- **Court Street Arts: Request to use Town Owned Property:** Vice Chairman Friel stated that it was his understanding that Court Street Arts wanted to rent our tent. Lynn Wheeler stated that she was approached by Keisha Luce about using the tent and Lynn suggested that Keisha figure out the costs, what the costs were to rent and asked if AA Lacaillade had heard back from Keisha and the response was no. TM English stated that it was general policy, which is not in writing, that the Town did not loan things outside the building. The tent has been used for Town events; it's been used at Railroad Park by another group but it was on a Town site. Lynn asked if we would let them rent this one (1) time or would we want to stay with policy and not rent it out? Rick Ladd made a specific motion that there would be a \$100 deposit on this one-time loan of the tent and the deposit was contingent on inspection by TM English or Sherri Sargent, Rec Director, prior to dismantling the tent; seconded by Robert Roudebush and carried unanimously.
- **Ground Water Management:** Rick Ladd presented a Model Health Ordinance to Implement a Wellhead or Groundwater Protection Program to the Board members. He stated that he had several discussions with DES regarding groundwater management. In talking with the DES, 40% of all water consumed in this state is not from an aquifer, it is from private wells, which are from some other source. There are areas where there is private use, private wells and the water is not being managed anywhere in this Town. It is being left to either the Department of Agriculture, which deals with farming issues or with DES. His primary concern is that he is after best management practices for how we discharge into the land and the groundwater. He is not after any kind of zoning. When he looked at this groundwater management ordinance, this is not something that is zoning oriented; it is a way we can start managing wellhead areas. Rick stated that he's trying to get after what is called best management practices to try to ensure that water is used properly and that it is being discharged into the ground properly. There are checks every now and then to ensure that the best management is being followed. He was bringing this to the

Board to get their impact on this. Rick stated that the whole purpose of this ordinance would be active management of potential contamination sources rather than a prohibition of land use. He personally thinks that an ordinance is needed to that effect. He stated that by going this way instead of the land use way this can be approved by the Selectboard, recorded by the Town Clerk and published in a newspaper. TM English stated that enforcement is problematic because enforcement is an order from the Health Officer to correct the problem. If it is not corrected, the Town corrects it at the Town's expense and then there is the issue of recouping the money or generating fees for inspections to generate revenue to handle it. It's not very forceful in terms of the money. Rick Ladd stated that he had talked with Sarah Pillsbury of DES and Paul Suska, Drinking Water Source Protection and they have folks that go out and meet with people in small communities and explain the two ways. Rick stated that he would like to invite one of the people from DES to explain to the Selectboard in an upcoming meeting so that we can have a better handle on both approaches: (1) using the RSAs, which deal with the Planning Board and Land Use and (2) the three options in the handout which is enacted by the Selectboard. He stated that DES agreed that there were gaping holes in the Town's aquifer ordinance. The Board members wanted to study the packet that was given to them and with the Board's permission, Rick would invite either Sarah Pillsbury or Paul Suska in to speak with the Board. Steve Robbins would also be invited to that meeting.

Correspondence: None

Comments of the Public: There was a very brief discussion about unregistered vehicles.

Comments of the Town Manager/Administrative Assistant-Finance Officer: None

Commission/Committee Reports: Lynn Wheeler commented that the Rec Committee had their meeting and reported that the HARP program has done very well this year and is continuing to do well. TM English stated that the Pool has also done very well this year. REC revenues are up and their expenditures are below projection. Robert Roudebush commented that the Airport Commission was working hard on Airport Awareness Day, which is September 14. He also talked about the most current draft of the Ag Lease. He suggested studying the draft and possibly agreeing on the lease at the next meeting on August 26.

Comments of Selectboard Members: Rick Ladd reported that the Bandstand on the Common was up. The gravel for the entrance is in and the cement is going to look like bricks. Robert Roudebush stated that it was a very nice-looking structure. It should be completely done in a few weeks.

Adjourn Meeting: Robert Roudebush made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Lynn Wheeler and all approved. Vice Chairman Friel adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Karen Hyde